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SUBJECT: FEDERAL SPOKESMAN ON SCHMIDT-WASHINGTON  
DISCUSSIONS

1. FEDERAL PRESS SPOKESMAN TODAY MADE THE FOLLOWING  
STATEMENT CONCERNING THE ROLE OF OFFSET IN  
CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT FORD:

QUOTE. I SHOULD LIKE YOU TO TAKE NOTE OF A SENTENCE  
WHICH SOME COLLEAGUES INTERESTED IN THE SUBJECT HAVE  
OBVIOUSLY MISSED SINCE IT CAME FROM NEW YORK AT A  
TIME WHEN ONE IS USED TO SLEEPING IN OUR COUNTRY.  
SOME HAVE ASKED WHAT THE STORY IS ABOUT THE OFFSET  
AGREEMENT. THE CHANCELLOR SAID IN NEW YORK THAT THE  
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAS READY FOR TALKS AND TO OPEN  
TALKS, BUT THAT HE BELIEVED THAT THIS WAS NOT AN  
URGENT PROGRAM. IN ADDITION, I SHOULD LIKE TO  
CORRECT THE IMPRESSION WHICH HAS ARISEN HERE AND  
THERE, THAT THE TOPIC WAS MORE OR LESS THE FOCAL  
SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE FEDERAL  
CHANCELLOR, SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER AND THE  
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PRESIDENT. I DO NOT SAY THIS BECAUSE THIS TOPIC IS

INCONVENIENT TO US, BUT THAT'S THE WAY IT IS. IT IS  
ONE SUBJECT AMONG OTHERS, BUT IN THE OPINION OF THE  
FEDERAL CHANCELLOR -- AND I ASSUME ALSO OF THE  
PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE -- OTHER SUBJECTS  
BY ALL MEANS HAVE PRIORITY. THIS INCLUDES THE  
QUESTION AS TO HOW IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE A  
CERTAIN DEGREE OF UNANIMITY BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES  
AND THE EC IN THE FIGHT AGAINST RECESSIONARY FACTORS;  
THIS INCLUDES ALSO -- ALSO MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE  
SUBJECT OF OFFSET -- A DISCUSSION ON THE MONETARY  
AND ECONOMIC SUMMIT MEETING EARLIER INITIATED BY THE  
FRENCH STATE PRESIDENT. THE EXCHANGE OF OPINION  
ABOUT THIS SUBJECT WHICH -- AS YOU MAY RECALL  
STARTED AT HELSINKI AT A SO-CALLED DINNER OF THE  
FOUR -- WILL BE CONTINUED TODAY IN WASHINGTON. END  
QUOTE.

2. IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS, BOELLING DECLARED THAT  
THE POSITION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON THE SUMMIT  
HAD NOT CHANGED SINCE THEN.

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